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Snow-Locked Area Supplied by Plane

One of the Most Hazardous Flying Jobs in World.

BOISE, IDAHO.—Robert Johnson, 35, veteran mountain pilot, daily flies his tri-motored plane on one of the most hazardous flying jobs in the world.

He soars over jagged mountain peaks, where a forced landing would mean a certain death, to carry supplies to 600 snowbound families in Idaho's primitive area. He provides their only contact with the outside world during six long winter months.

The pioneer families live in small communities or singly, spread out over 1,087,000 acres of mountainous, heavily - timbered wilderness, unpierced by any road, in the central part of Idaho. Many of their teen-age children have never seen an automobile but they know Johnson's plane well.

Miners, trappers, forestry workers and their families rely on Johnson's skill and daring to provide their mail, food and medical supplies through the winter. These modern frontier folk are snowed in from October through March each year, unable to reach civilization by horseback, their normal means of transportation.

Dog teams, snowshoes and skis are the only alternatives to Johnson's plane as a means of winter transportation for them. A dog team driven by a grizzled old frontiersman, "Blacky" Wallace of Big Creek, provides Johnson's airline with its only competition.

Supplies are dropped from the planes in parachutes. Fliers say Johnson can hook a parachute on a crate of eggs, bail it out without protective packing and not break an egg.

Supplies are ordered by forest service short wave radio or telephone.

From Cascade and Landmark to Mackay bar, Stypnite and over the Montana border Johnson knows every mountain and valley. His base is usually Missoula, Mont., or Boise.

Virgil Adair, Lewiston pilot, started the winter airplane delivery service into the primitive area in 1928. Ray Fisher, Missoula, Mont., had it a week and then was killed when he flew into the side of a mountain. Bill Gowen of Boise held the mail contract for a time and lost it to Johnson.

Johnson spends his summer months flying for the forest service. He flies through smoke and ashes to bring supplies in an hour to fire fighting crews far up in the mountains where it would take days to bring supplies by pack horse, the only other means.

College Cow Gulps Whole Year's Work

NORMAN, OKLA.—A cow recently nullified a whole year of work by Dr. O. J. Eigisti, assistant professor of botany at the University of Oklahoma. Bossy ate up the professor's entire cotton crop that included several new species, including an early-maturing plant expected to lead to an important discovery. "That cow ate a whole year's work," Dr. Eigisti said sadly.

Presbyterian Holiday Activities Successful

By Rev. E. J. Clark)

There was a gratifying response in "White Gifts" brought in at the Sunday School Christmas program last Thursday night, at the Presbyterian church, both in packages for the C. C. C. C. distribution and in money to be used as the Committee might see fit. Thanks is extended to everyone who had a part in this good work. The program was well attended and well received, the children and young people participating taking their parts in a most splendid manner.

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The Annual Christmas Offering for the church was received in the morning service on December 24, the entire churcch joining in this project. Special decorations and Christmas music featured this service.

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The Cantata, "Night of Holy Memories", by Ira Wilson, rendered by the choir assisted by guest soloists, Miss Helen Foster, of Mt. View, Mr. William Dusel and Mr. John Dusel, of Redwood City, Sunday night was enthusiastically received by the splendid audience attending. The local choir members and the church officers and pastor wish to express appreciation for the help of the public in making this event a success.

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About 23 of the young people of the church and their friends went Christmas Caroling Sunday evening, at about 20 different homes of sick, shut-ins and friends of the church. The singing finally concluded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Neilson, in Atherton where refreshments were served and a delightful fellowship enjoyed.

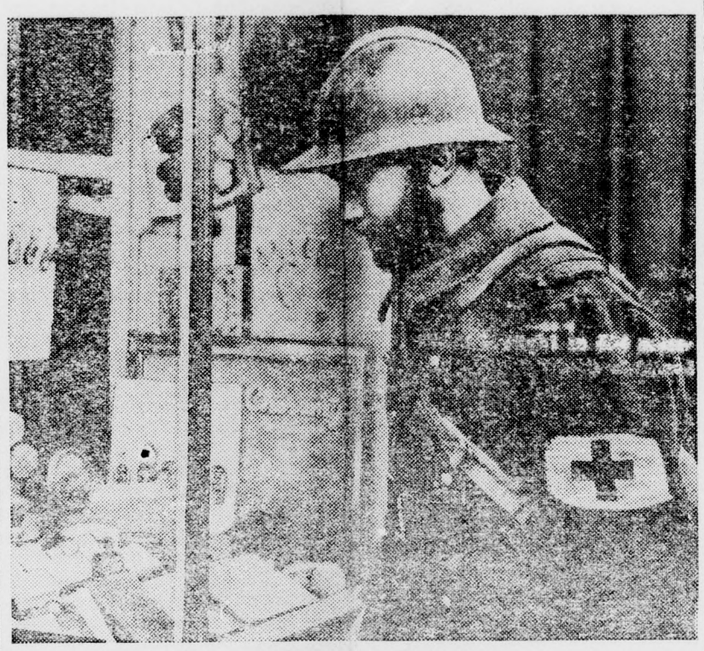
Queen of Roses



Queen of the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, Calif., is Margaret Huntley, 18, Pasadena Junior college coed. Six other college girls comprise the royal court. Queen Margaret is five feet five inches tall and weighs 112 pounds.

Jerry Bradley of San Jose has spent the past week here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harris.

War a Minor Problem to French Poilu



Maybe this bearded French Poilu was window shopping for Christmas. Or maybe he just wished he had a razor and a piece of soap. Anyway, he's gazing wistfully in the window of a perfume shop which is located, of all places, at the front lines. The French censor forgot to explain the front line perfume shop. It has been a rather unusual war, and maybe the soldiers have time for life's finer things.

Candle Light Service At Trinity Church

(By Rec. Charles Fritz)

A Festal Evensong and Candle-Light Service will be held in Trinity Church on New Year's eve, December 31st, beginning at 8 o'clock.

This is a service full of symbolism and beauty: First, there will be held the Fesal or Evensong; this is followed by a dramatic pageant symbolizing the coming of "The Light of the World."

In presenting this pageant, the Church is in darkness for a moment then an Acolyte brngs in a large lighted candle—"The Light of the World"— and places it on the Altar. After reading of appropriate Scriptural verses by the Rector, twelve boys, representing the Twelve Apostles, come to the Altar rail where they receive their Apostolic names and light their candles from the Altar candle—"Judas Iscariot the betrayer" does not get a lighted candle. The Apostles then go into the Nave of the Church where they light the small candles on each member of the congregation.

The congregation with lighted candles then follows the Apostles into the Church-yard singing "Holy Night." After the Benediction by the Rector each person carries his small lighted candle home and lights his candle thus linking the Parish-Church Altar with the "Family Altar."

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to take part in this service.

LOCAL BOYS ORGANIZATIONS GIVE DANCE TOMORROW NITE

Menlo Park Squadron, Sons of the American Legion, and Menlo Park Troop No. 107, Boy Scouts, are giving a dance tomorrow (Saturday) night in the auditorium of the Central Grammar School. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock and the boys are inviting those interested to attend.

The Menlo Park Recreation Sommittee will hold its first meeting of the new year on Friday, January5, at 8 p. m. in the newly occupied City Hall, according to Chairman Hugo May.

Plans for additional development of Menlo Park's Municipal Park and other public recreational facilities for the year will be on the agenda along with enlargement of the recration committee.

Mrs. Fannie I. Kurtz, city clerk of Menlo Park, has returned home after shending the holiday with her niece, Mrs. A. V. Smith and Mr. Smith in Napa. She reports having a most excellent time.

Widow, 91, Regains Her Eyesight After 15 Years

SALT LAKE CITY.—The world is brighter today and surely more wonderful than ever for Mrs. Ann C. Milne who proclaims she feels like starting life anew—at 91 years of age.

Patient Mrs. Milne, one of Utah's pioneers, can see today after 15 years of blindness. She finds the world full of colors and familiar Salt Lake City sights are now more exciting than ever to the woman who first came here in 1859.

An operation which is not often successful when a person has reached Mrs. Milne's age removed a cataract from her right eye and restored sight of both.

Nurses and hospital attaches who attended the aged woman while she was preparing for the operation said she had been one of their best patients. Success of the operation depended greatly upon her willingness to lie motionless for six days. She never complained.

Tree Becomes Memorial In Furniture Conversion

LULA, MISS. — When the state highway department cut down a giant cedar tree planted by W. L. Barbee's mother 45 years ago, he converted the lumber into furniture as a memorial to her.

With the aid of a saw, chisel, brace and bit, and a pocket knife, the filling station owner fashioned three cedar chests, a floor lamp, a dinner table and several small pieces of furniture from the wood.

Woman Credits Fear With Saving Her Life

BINGHAM, UTAH.—Mrs. E. L. Ackerman "felt something fearful was about to happen."

Uneasy, she jumped from bed and drew up a chair beside the kitchen stove.

A moment later, a two-ton boulder rolled down a steep hillside, crashed through the roof of the bedroom, and demolished her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Callaway, of Phoenix, Arizona are spending the net three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Cameron at their Atherton home.

About sixty-five friends of Miss Nancy Nell Needham gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Needham, in this city Tuesday evening to welcome her home from Stephens college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rogers are moving into their new home this coming week. They have purchased the Whipfler place at 1042 Pine street. Mr. Rogers is the owner of the Menlo Garage.

Start the New Year right! Subscribe for the Recorder!

Council Transacts Important Business

Menlo Park's City Council last Tuesday evening, after months of argument, drew the boundaries of a proposed rezoning to a section of the city.

This action paves the way for the city engineer to officially re-draw the Paraiso Park section, and this will be followed by an ordinance of adoption at the meeting in January.

The council heard arguments of both sides of the question for more than an hour, and finally adjourned to the police chambers from whence it returned in some fifteen minutes and City Attorney James T. O'Keefe Jr. acting as spokesman.

"The council has taken into consideration all the evidence, all the testimony here, and the petitions, over a considerable period of time. It realizes that there is considerable desire for rezoning as well as strong major and substantial objections. It has arrived at the boundaries which it feels are justified.

"These boundaries will include the center line of Crane street, southeast t oOak Grove, then west to University, and finally back to Santa Cruz avenue."

Replying to a question of the desirability of the re-zoning plan as finally established, Mr. Bryant said privately:

"We are not satisfied. We'll probably make a political issue of it. There are two councilmen coming up for election next April."

The council adopted twin ordinances, one granting the Pacific Gas and Electric Company an indeterminate franchise to furnish gas in the city and the other an indeterminate franchise to supply electricity.

The clerk announced the receipt of $1300 from the P. G. & E. in accordance with the company's agreement to pay a flat rate for the franchises in addition to an annual percentage of the revenues collected in Menlo Park.

A motion of the council approved the change of the location of the city hall to the new quarters on the corner of El Camino Real and Santa Cruz avenue from its location at this time on Doyle street.

Oil companies were invited to furnished bids on oil for the heating plant in the new building, and the Clerk was authorized to engage a janitor to take care of the new city hall at the rate of $25 per month.

Defends Finland



Pehr Evind Svinhufvud, 78, former president of Finland who, according to reports, has enlisted in the Finnish army. He was president of the nation from 1932 to 1937.

PLAY SAFE

Here is an open letter to motorists from the National Safety Council and from the San Mateo County Traffic Safety Commission:

The Holiday season is one of gaiety, exccitement, rejoising—and it should be. But in the twinkling of an eye a gay New Yearks party can become a tragedy—with a toll of killed or crippled. The future that had seemed so bright a moment before is turned to black dispair—all because a driver had been drinking.

People who like to think they can hold their liquor will probably pay for their mistake sooner or later, for even a little liquor affects one's driving skill.

Be intelligent — If you drive, don't drink—if you dring, don't drive!

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Finnish Relief Drive Headed By Mayor

Organization of San Mateo County communities to assist in activities o fthe innish Relief Fund has neared completon, with announcement of workers in Menlo Park and San Bruno.

The committee for Menlo Park consists of Mayor James E. Cooper, chairman; Jerome Drajer, Mrs. C. A. Devol, Mrs. M. S. Talmer, Mrs. Ray Johnson. Here and elsewhere in the County an intensive drive is being made to sell tickets to the great benefit show in San Francisco.

In San Bruno, Glenn E. Baker is chairman of the men's committee and Mrs. Ralph Nelson, of the women's committee. With the support of the San Bruno newspapers, a telephone and house to house canvass are being made for sale of tickets to the San Francisco Benefit and ball, this evening.

George Creel, who will be speaker of the evening at the benefit ball and entertainment, made the following statement on the drive: "It is the sacred obligation of every American who believes in liberty and democracy, to come forward and declare his support of the Finnish people in their fight for freedom, which is in reality the world's fight."

A combined chorus of Scandinavian singing societies will be heard in songs of their own countries, as a feature of the Benefit Show. They will be under the direction of Philip K. Hillstrom, as conductor.

The chorus will consist of members of the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Singing Societies and the Star of Finland Glee Club.



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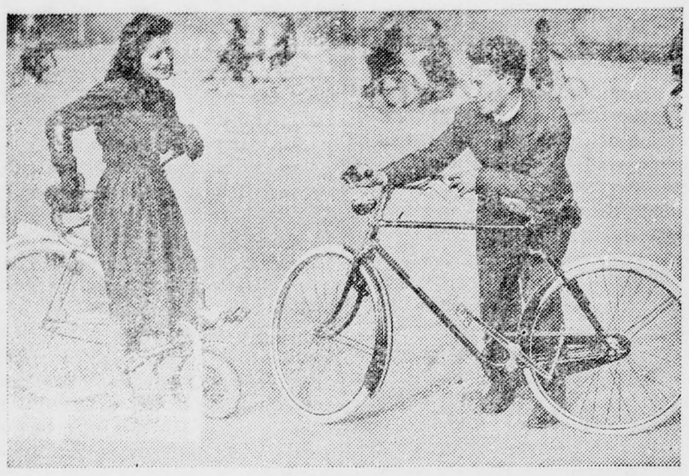
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Italian Cyclists Start New Travel Vogue



Bicycles don't use gasoline—that's why they're so popular in Italy. Here's a new design. The high wheel bike is reversed and the saddle is placed between the handlebars, which steer from the back. Notice the pedal arrangement on the bicycle at the right. The pedals do not make a full turn, but propel the vehicle by special gears.

Political Parade For Nineteen-Forty

Politically, the New Year — 1940 —promises to provide more action than a pulp-paper detective story!

In California, campaign guns will boom on all fronts, with a special session of the State Legislature only a few weeks distant, three state-wide elections already definitely scheduled, and a fourth possible. To say nothing of the city elections that promise plenty of fireworks!

Nationally, President Roosevelt will decide whether to defy precedent and seek a third term; the Democratic and Republican parties will stage their big conventions and select their standard-bearers, and the sovereign people of the United States, after all the shooting is over, will go to the polls and elect a President.

There won't be a dull moment!

Here is the California calendar of 1940 political events, as nearly as they can be tabulated at the moment:

January (probably running into February)— Special session of the Legislature, with relief and tax issues furnishing the fireworks.

May 7— Presidential Primary, with the voters of both major parties selecting their delegates to the national nominating conventions.

August 27— State Primary, with candidates for the Legislature, Congress and the U. S. Senate to be nominated. The feature event of this election, in all probability, will be the battle over the Senate seat of the veteran gladiator, Hiram W. Johnson.

November 5— General Election, with the final run-off for Presidential candidates and scores of aspirants for other offices.

The possibility of still another election during 1940 rests in the fact that new recall petitions against Governor Olson are in circulation, sponsored by the Ham and Eggs pension promoters and other dissatisfied elements. Reports are current along the political Rialto that independent oil companies have joined forces with the Ham and Eggers and are contributing to the recall war chest.

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Biography of a Teacher:

The first ten years we scrimp to pay back our college expenses. The next fifteen we live on a shoestring to pay for a house and furniture.

At the age of forty-five we cut down expenses in the interest of a nest egg to educate Junior. At the age of fifty-five, we welcome Junior back to the homestead, —that is, Junior a. i his wife.

At sixty-five, we rtire and try to live economically on our pension (of $50 a month!).

—The Clearing House.

Bomberette



A woman member of the Soviet red army air corps pictured in the gunpit of a bombing plane, operating the gun mount. Finns report a woman was among the crew of one of the first Soviet bombing planes to be shot down while attacking Helsinki. Thousands of Russian women have been trained for war-time work.

Little Red Schoolhouse On Skids in Wisconsin

MADISON, WIS.—The little one-room rural school will become virtually extinct in Wisconsin next year under a new "powerful financial incentive."

The state department of public instruction estimated that between 600 and 800 one-room rural schools will not reopen next fall as result of a law granting reduced tax assessments for closing of district schools having an average daily attendance of fewer than 10 pupils. The law became effective too late to affect this term's openings.

Mind Is Changed by 610 Headed for Marital Altar

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Truth of the proverb that there's many a slip twixt the cup and the lip is borne out by the fact that 610 couples applied for marriage licenses in Los Angeles county last year, but failed to return to claim them.

County Clerk L. B. Lampton said 25,940 persons had applied for licenses during the year, but that only 25,330 had returned to claim them. Lampton still hopes to round up some of the missing 610 who strayed from the altar.

Stiff Hit-Run Sentence

WILMINGTON, DEL.—The most severe hit-run driving sentence ever handed out in Delaware was imposed on William Zinzelet, who was sentenced to three years in the New Castle county workhouse and fined $1,000. He pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

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NEW YORK TAGS A MILLION

New York ity's police department annually serves approximate ly 1 million summonses for traffic violatioins.

The kids in Oslo, Norway, are entitled to a free breakfast at school. . . . and we have our troubles providing the free schools.

Although Britain endured a depression as severe as that in the United States, if not more so, and although tax rates in the British Isles are very much higher than ours, the British government did not cut down a penny in its appropriations to Universities.

—Calvin Greider.

NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALFRED WONG, the Owner and proprietor of that certain business, known as "WO SING LAUNDRY", at 548 Glenwood Avenue, Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California, intends to sell and will sell the same and deliver a Bill of Sale and transfer thereto to ROBERT LEE, together will all his right, title and interest in and to said business and the good will thereof, together with all machinery, equipment, furnishings, stock in trade and all personal property therein, for a good and valuable consideration; that the purchase price will be paid on the 5th day of January, 1940, at the hour of 6 o'clock P. M., of said day, at No. 548 Glenwood Avenue, Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California, at which time the Vendee will pay to the Vendor, said purchase price.

That the names and addresses of the Vendor and Vendee are:—

ALFRED WONG, No. 737 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, California.

ROBERT LEE, 548 Glenwood Ave., Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California.

DATED: December 28, 1939.

ROBERT LEE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 92

ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT AND USE, FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING ELECTRICITY TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS AND APPURTENANCES, INCLUDING COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS, NECESSARY OR PROPER THEREFORE, IN, ALONG ACROSS, UPON AND UNDER THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF MENLO PARK.

The City Council of the City of Menlo Park does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Whenever in this ordinance the words or phrases hereinafter in this section defined are used, they shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in the following definitions (unless, in the given instance, the context wherein they are used shall clearly import a different meaning):

(a) The word "grantee" shall mean the corporation to which the franchise contemplated in this ordinance is granted and its lawful successors or assigns;

(b) The word "city" shall mean the City of Menlo Park, a municipal corporation of the State of California, in its present incorporated form or in any later reorganized, consolidated, enlarged or re-incorporated form;

(c) The word "streets" shall mean the public 'streets, ways, alleys and places as the same now or may hereafter exist within said city;

(d) The phrase "poles, wires, conduits and appurtenances" shall mean poles, towers, supports, wires, conductors, cables, guys, stubs, platforms, crossarms, braces, transformers, insulators, conduits, ducts, vaults, manholes, meters, cut-outs, switches, communication circuits, appliances, attachments appurtenances and any other property located or to be located in, upon, along, across, under or over the streets of the city, and used or useful in the transmitting and—or distributing of electricity;

(e) The phrase "construct and use" shall mean to construct, erect, install, lay, operate, maintain, use, repair or replace.

Section 2. The franchise to construct and use, for transmitting and distributing electricity to the public for any and all purposes, poles, wires, conduits and appurtenances, including communication circuits, neessary or proper therefor in, along, across, upon and under the public streets, ways and places within the City of Menlo Park is hereby granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Franchise Act of 1937.

Section 3. Said franchise shall be indeterminate, that is to say, said franchise shall endure in full force and effect until the same shall, with the consent of the Railroad Commission of the State of California, be voluntarily surrendered or abandoned by the grantee, or until the state or some municipal or public corporation thereunto duly authorized by law shall purchase by voluntary agreement or shall condemn and take under the power of eminent domain, all property actually used and useful in the exercise of said franchise and situate in the territorial limits of the state, municipal or public corporation purchasing or condemning such property, or until said franchise shall be forfeited for noncompliance with its terms by the grantee.

Section 4. The grantee of said franchise shall during the term thereof pay to said city two per cent of the gross annual receipts of said grantee arising from the use ,operation or possession of said franchise; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one per cent of the gross annual receipts derived by grantee from the sale of electricity within the limits of such city.

Section 5. The grantee shall file with the clerk of said city, within three months after the expiration of the calendar year, or fractional calendar year, following the date of the granting hereof, and within three months after the expiration of each and every calendar year thereafter, a duly verified statement showing in detail the total gross receipts of such grantee during the preceding calendar year, or such fractional calendar year, from the sale of electricity within said city. Such grantee shall pay to said city within fifteen days after the time for filing such statement, in lawful money of the United States, the aforesaid percentage of its gross receipts for such calendar year, or such fractional calendar year, covered by such statement. Any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee to file such verified statement, or to pay said percentage at the time and in the manner specified, shall be grounds for the declaration of a forfeiture of this franchise and of all rights of grantee hereunder.

Section 6. This franchise is granted under and in accordance with the provisions of said Franchise Act of 1937.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its final passage, unless suspended by a referendum petition filed as provided by law.

Section 8. The grantee of said franchise shall pay to the city a sum of money sufficient to reimburse it for all publication expenses incurred by it in connection with the granting thereof; such payment to be made within thirty days after the city shall have furnished such grantee with a written statement of such expenses.

Section 9. The franchise granted hereby shall not become effective until written acceptance thereof shall have been filed by the grantee with the City Clerk.

Section 10. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published once within fifteen (15) days after its passage in The Menlo Park Recorder a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said city.

First read at a regular meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 12th day of December, 1939. and finally adopted and ordered published at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 26th day of December, 1939, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beeton, Carroll, Cooper, Lusk and May.

NOES: Councilmen: None.

ABSENT: Councilmen: None.

JAMES E. COOPER,

Mayor of the City of Menlo Park.

(SEAL)

ATTEST: F. I. KURTZ,

City Clerk of the City of Menlo Park.

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Cobb Measures One



Tyrus Raymond Cobb, considered by many the greatest baseball player of all time, is now a golf enthusiast. Here he concentrates on the line for his next putt at the Millbrae, Calif., Country club, where he participated in a baseball players' tournament.

Espee Getting New Streamliners

The first of the Southern Pacific's two new Daylight streamliners, representing the very latest advances in railway passenger equipment, will arrive in California this Friday, F. S. McGinnis, vice president in charge of passenger traffic, announced today.

Present plans call for the arrival of the second train about January 5, McGinnis said, and on January 4, the first train will begin service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The new train will make the southern run on January 4, 6 8 and 10; and will make the return trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco on January 5, 7 an, 9, after which time both trains will be in service and daily runs will be made each way.

Costing I million dollars each, exclusive of locomotives, the new 14-car streamliners follow the basic design of the present Daylights, but incorporate many refinements. The principal change is the introduction of a three-car articulated dining unit, the first of its kind. A kitchen car, placed in the center, serves both a full-length diner and coffee shop car.

Another unique feature, it was pointed out, is the baggage handling arrangement. Each chair car, and parlor car has luggage compartments with outside doors to do away with the necessity of carrying bags through the car vestibules.

The peculiar characteristics of a profession as dinstinguished ffrom other occupations, I take to be these:

First, a profession is an occupation for which the necessary preliminary training is intellectual in character, involviing knowledge and to some extent learning, as distinguished from mere skill.

econd, it is an occupation which is pursued largely for others and not merely for one's self.

Third, it is an occupation in which the amount of financial returns is not the accepted measure of success.

—"The Phi Delta Kappan".

9,000 Lights on Our Coastline

Aids to Navigation Date From Oil Flame at Boston Harbor.

WASHINGTON.—Lightships along our coasts have been reduced to 30, a little more than half the total at the beginning of the century, but other aids to navigation have increased. Lights of all kinds have almost doubled in the last 20 years and now total about 9,000.

There are 40,000 miles of "coastline" guarded by the coast guard. This includes seacoasts and banks of the Great Lakes and navigable rivers.

"The first United States lighthouse was built on Great Brewster island, at the entrance to Boston harbor, in 1716," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society. "It fared badly during the Revolution and was blown up by the British on leaving Boston but was rebuilt in 1783.

"The first lights burned whale oil. Several lights occupied a lighthouse 'lantern,' the glassed-in top of a lighthouse. The beacons of the early Greeks, Romans and Egyptians were fires atop piles of stone, and open flames supplied light in early lighthouses. When the Boston light was established some British lighthouses were still burning candles.

Navesink Most Powerful.

"Nine million candle power is the present light at Navesink, N. J., the most powerful United States maritime light. It is one of the lights that guard the entrance to New York harbor. Electric lights now are used in most of the larger lighthouses, amplified by lenses of glass prisms. The lenses revolve, causing the light to flash in different directions.

"The first experimental radiobeacon was installed only 23 years ago at Navesink. Today all lightships and many lighthouses are so equipped. The radiobeacon is the only 'light' that can pierce dense fogs, day or night. With the aid of a radio direction finder and identifying radio signals from two or more lighthouses, even 200 or more miles away, a ship now can locate its position without other aids.

"Sandy Hook, built in 1764, was the first lighthouse at the entrance to New York harbor.

$702,000 for One Beacon.

"The first United States lighthouse on the Great Lakes was erected in the harbor of Buffalo in 1818. The lighting of the Pacific coast did not begin until five years after the beginning of the famous gold rush. The first light was in San Francisco bay. St. George Reef lighthouse, near Crescent City, Calif., is one of the most costly lighthouses ever constructed. It was 10 years in building and cost $702,000.

"During fogs lighthouses have sounded strange warning signals. Boston light in 1719 fired a cannon; the Beavertail, R. I., light used a horse to operate a compressed-air mechanism to blow a fog signal. Hot-air engines have produced power for horns and trumpets, and steam fog signals were in use for many years. Today the most powerful fog signals are operated by compressed air or electricity.

"Buoys also bear lights, generally from acetylene gas tanks, and may have whistles and bells. Sea buoys are quite large.

"The whistles on most buoys are sounded by the motion of the buoy in the sea. Air is sucked into a chamber as the buoy rises on a wave and is forced out through the whistle as the buoy descends."

Good news for Rair enthusiasts was broadcast this week when it was announced that the 1940 exposition on Treasure Island will open May 25 and close September 29th.

The 1940 dates were fixed at an executive committee meeting for the Fair on Tuesday. Tentative plans were set forth by Dan E. London, chairman of the '40 fund raising committee, to proceed with the campaign for funds iimmediately. Many persons and firms withheld subscriptions, London pointed out, until definite decision was reached about the reopening.

Leland W. Cutler, president of the 1939 Exposition, stated that he preferred not to be head of the organization but indicated that he would remain in office until his successor was chosen.

Lead World in War Material

Our Country Has Potential Production Capacity Without Equal.

PITTSBURGH. — The United States leads the world in potential production capacity of explosives, both for peace and war purposes, according to a former World war Austrian chemist, now a professor at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Dr. Ernst Berl, research professor at Carnegie Tech and former chief chemist of the Austro-Hungarian war ministry, listed a number of factors which, he said, would assure an almost unlimited manufacture of shells and other artillery ordnance in an emergency.

The abundance of raw material in the United States, he explained, is an important factor, but is not the only reason. Other factors include an efficient and extensive transportation system, and a highly trained personnel in all branches of the work.

Reserves of Petroleum.

Among important available raw materials, he listed huge reserves of petroleum, natural gas, coal and celulose—all of which are vital in the manufacture of explosives. In all these, he declared, the United States excels all other countries.

Also helpful will be the abundant output of fats and sugars, which form the foundation for certain munitions, Dr. Berl said.

On the personnel side, he pointed out, there are 13,000 chemical engineers in the country, and also a smaller number of chemists to staff an explosives industry, if necessary.

"In short," Dr. Berl declared, "we have both brains and the stuff to use them upon."

Essential Minerals Available.

Another source of strength to the United States munitions industry in Berl's opinion is the availability, if raw materials are deficient, of nickel from Canada, nitrates from Chile, mercury from Bolivia, Chile and Mexico, platinum from Canada and Colombia, and tin supplies from Bolivia.

At home, also, the country's enormous supplies of cracking gases enable cheap production of glycol and glycerin.

Cow, 29 Years Old, Bids For Longevity Honors

FREMONT, MICH.—What is believed to be the oldest cow in the United States has been discovered at the farm of Charles Wiegand near here. Fanny, 29 years old, is the claimant to the title following the passing of Queen Victoria, a Holstein, of Bath, N. Y.

Fanny gives four quarts of milk a day with 4.10 butter fat content. Although her teeth are mostly missing and her horns gnarled, she spends the day in the pasture as usual, and the only variation in her diet is that she is forced to eat ground oats and corn.

Student Warns Against Eating His Pet Goldfish

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—Gordon Sherwood isn't taking any chances on losing his pet goldfish.

Sherwood, a sophomore student at West Virginia university, well aware of the recent gold-fish swallowing craze, has taken steps to protect his three fish.

The fish are housed in a bowl in a fraternity house. On one side of the bowl, Sherwood has printed this notice:

"Do not trespass.
"Do not feed.
"Do not EAT!"

Hog Upholds Name

COHUNA, AUSTRALIA.—A big Yorkshire boar, shipped here from Melbourne, made a veritable pig of itself en route. It broke out of its crate, ate various shipments of vegetables that were in the same car, a crate of cheese and rooted into boxes of women's silk stockings and other garments.

Crime Does Not Pay

INDIANAPOLIS. — Crime didn't pay for the thief who broke into Mrs. Helen Hughes' automobile. He stole a 15-cent measuring tape. He left behind a good topcoat.

ORDINANCE NO. 93

ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY THE FRANCHISE TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING GAS FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES UNDER, ALONG, ACROSS OR UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS AND PLACES AS THE SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST WITHIN THE CITY OF MENLO PARK.

The City Council of the City of Menlo Park does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Whenever in this ordinance the words or phrases hereinafter in this section defined are used, they shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in the following definitions (unless, in the given instance, the context wherein they are used shall clearly import a different meaning):

(a) The word "grantee" shall mean the corporation to which the franchise contemplated in this ordinance is granted and its lawful successors or assigns:

(b) the word "city" shall mean the City of Menlo Park, a municipal corporation of the State of California, in its present incorporated form or in any later reorganized, consolidated, enlarged or re-incorporated form;

(c) The word "streets" shall mean the public streets, ways, alleys and places as the same now or may hereafter exist within said city;

(d) The word "gas" shall mean natural or artificial gas, or a mixture of natural and artificial gas;

(e) The phrase "pipes and appurtenances" shall mean pipes, pipelines, mains, services, traps, vents, vaults, manholes, meters, gauges, regulators, valves, conduits, appliances, attachments, appurtenances and any other property located or to be located in, upon, along, across, under or over the streets of the city, and used or useful in the transmitting and—or distributing of gas;

(f) The phrase "lay and use" shall mean to lay, construct, erect, install, operate, maintain, use, repair or replace.

Section 2. The franchise to lay and use in the streets of said city all pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing gas to the public for any and all purposes within said city is hereby granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Franchise Act of 1937.

Section 3. Said franchise shall be indeterminate, that is to say, said franchise shall endure in full force and effect until the same shall, with the consent of the Railroad Commission of the State of California, be voluntarily surrendered or abandoned by the grantee, or until the state or some municipal or public corporation thereunto duly authorized by law shall purchase by voluntary agreement or shall condemn and take under the power of eminent domain all property actually used and useful in the exercise of said franchise and situate in the territorial limits of the state, municipal or pubic corporation purchasing or condemning such property, or until said franchise shall be forfeited for non-compliance with its terms by the grantee.

Section 4. The grantee of said franchise shall during the term thereof pay to said city two per cent of the gross annual receipts of said grantee arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one per cent of the gross annual receipts of grantee derived from the sale of gas within the limits of said city.

Section 5. The grantee shall file with the clerk of said city, within three months after the expiration of the calendar year, or fractional calendar year, following the date of the granting hereof, and within three months after the expiration of each and every calendar year thereafter, a duly verified statement showing in detail the total gross receipts of such grantee during the preceding calendar year, or such fractional calendar year, from the sale of gas within said city. Such grantee shall pay to said city within fifteen days after the time for filing such statement, in lawful money of the United States, the aforesaid percentage of its gross receipts for such calendar year, or such fractional calendar year, covered by such statement. Any neglect, omission or refusal by said grantee to file such verified statement, or to pay said percentage at the time and in the manner specified, shall be grounds for the declaration of a forfeiture of this franchise and of all rights of grantee hereunder.

Section 6. Said franchise is granted under and in accordance with the provisions of said Franchise Act of 1937.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its final passage unless suspended by a referendum petition filed as provided by law.

Section 8. The grantee of said franchise shall pay to the city a sum of money sufficient to reimburse it for all publication expenses incurred by it in connection with the granting thereof; such payment to be made within thirty days after the city shall have furnished such grantee with a written statement of such expenses.

Section 9. The franchise granted hereby shall not become effective until written acceptance thereof shall have been filed by the grantee with the City Clerk.

Section 10. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published once within fifteen (15) days after its pasage in The Menlo Park Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said city.

First read at a regular meeting of the City Council of said city held on the 12th day of December, 1939, and finally adopted and ordered published at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 26th day of December, 1939, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen: Beeton, Carroll, Cooper, Lusk and May.

NOES: Councilmen: None.

ABSENT: Councilmen: None.

JAMES E. COOPER,
Mayor of the City of Menlo Park.
(SEAL)

ATTEST: F. I. KURTZ,
City Clerk of the City of Menlo Park.

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Our Churches

Christian Science Church Services

First Church of Christ, Scientist Byrant Street and Forest Avenue. Palo Alto. Sunday Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock.

In all Christian Science churches, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., a Lesson-Sermon will be read Sunday, December 31, on the subject "Christ Jesus."

The Golden Text will be: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). Bible selections will include the following passages from Isaiah 9:2, 6,: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. . . . For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . ."

A passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included, which reads as follows: "Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being,—to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys materian error, heals sickness and overcomes death" (p. 315).

Christian Science radio programs sanctioned by the Christian Science Board of Directors of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., and under the direction of the Committee on Publication for Northern California are on the air: Station KYA 1230 kilocycles, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:45 a. m.

Philadelphia Church Services For Week

Masonic Temple, Menlo Park

Gospel Meetings

Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday School

11 a. m. Morning service.

7:30 p. m. Communion service in Menlo Park.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Healing Service. Come and bring the sick. Everybody is invited to attend all of these services.

Joseph Ystrom, Pastor.

Thinity Episcopal Church Announcements

420 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park

The Reverend Charles Edward Fritz, M. A., B. D., Rector.

First Sunday after Christmas:

8:00 a. m. — Holy Communion.

9:30 and 11:00 a. m. Church school in the Parish House. Mr. W. Stanley H. Pearce, Superintendent.

11:00 a. m. — Morning Prayer and sermon.

The Choir will sing "There were Shepherds" by Vincent for the offertory.

8:00 p. m. Festal Evensong and Candle Light service.

The annual meeting of Trinity Parish will be held in the Parish House on January 9th.

MENLO PARK PPRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES FOR WEEK

Church notes for December 31, 1939.

9:45 a. m., Sunday School, Mrs. E. J. Clark Superintendent.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon subject: "The Stewardship of Time.'

6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor meetings, Seniors and Intermediates.

7:30 p. m. Evening Service. The sermon subject: "The Uncertain and Certain."

Rev. Eldred J. Clark, Minister.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, Latter Day Saints

Corner Spencer avenue and Grant street, San Jose.

Sunday Services:

Church School, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock at which time Robert Hawley of Berkeley will be the speaked.

Evening worship at 8 o'clock.

Prayer Service:

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the regular prayer service will be held in the church.

Dr. Harris, Pastor.

True Tact

PEOPLE sometimes seem to feel that tact means insincerity and dishonesty, or that it is an unimportant quality. Refusing to cultivate it, they sometimes cause others hurt feelings or embarrassment, which might have been avoided.

A dictionary defines tact as "nice discernment of what is appropriate to do or say in dealing with others; peculiar ability to deal with others without giving offense, or so as to win good will, especially in difficult situations. . . . delicate and sympathetic perception, especially of what is fit, graceful, or considerate under given circumstances." A certain surface politeness may be simply the result of intelligent control and good breeding, but the love that is unfailing and truly graceful and considerate at all times is based on the understanding of God.

Tact is consideration, thoughtfulness of others, and it is closely related to loving-kindness. It appreciates the viewpoint of the other person and tries to apply the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12), "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Tact may sometimes be shown in simply refusing to do or say something which, if said or done, would accomplish no good. It may be shown in speaking an encouraging word to one who is facing a difficult situation. It may be evidenced in an interesting observation which will turn someone's attention from himself and put him at his ease. It avoids unnecessary controversy, chooses silence rather than unconstructive criticism, encourages the troubled, commends honest effort.

How truly did Jesus' life exemplify the prophet's word (Isaiah 42:1, 3): "Behold my servant, . . . a bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench"! The "bruised reed," that which has already been hurt, even if by its own fault, may sometimes be won back to wisdom and courage, activity and strength, by gentle kindness, where blunt condemnation of the fault would fail. The "smoking flax"—that mentality which is but dimly alight needs tender and wise encouragement. One of the lovely qualities that aids our work with others is graciousness. Well may we pray in the words of a loved hymn (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 88):

"Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be."

Tact does not tell all it knows; it minds its own business. It is greatly needed in all organization work. The business official or a committee or church worker who uses tactful methods in dealing with others, succeeds in inspiring all to better service than does the inconsiderate or the unwisely outspoken individual, whose intentions may be praiseworthy. People occasionally believe that they are tactless, and that there is nothing they can do about it but regret the fact. There is no reality in crude or brusque or thoughtless words or deeds. . . .

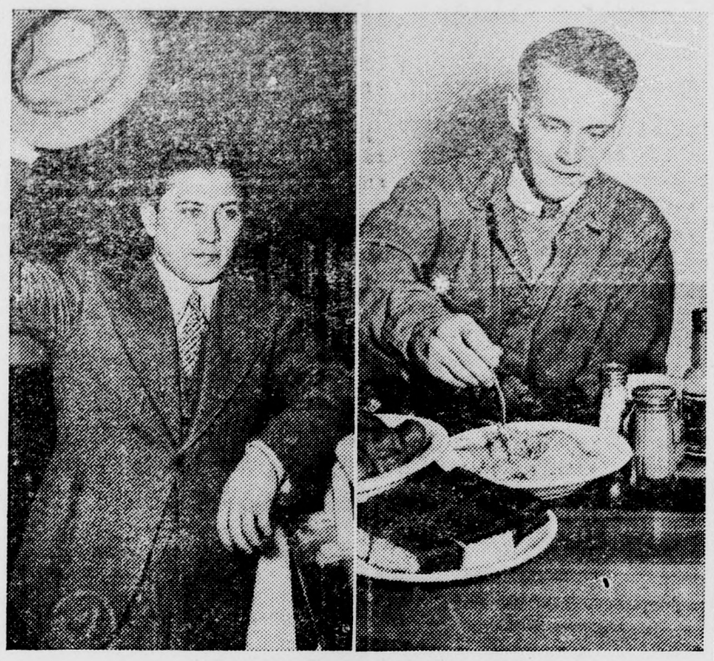
One should claim for himself the ability to express every good and strong and lovely characteristic which reflects God. Sometimes it takes much work and prayer to demonstrate them. It may take patience and persistence and steadfast effort to do so, but as impatience, thoughtlessness, selfishness, and narrowness of vision are replaced by their opposites, man in God's likeness becomes ever clearer.

Every earnest person wants his thinking and acting to bless others. He can always be sure that they will if he is reflecting God. Not to condone evil but not to condemn person; not to think of self but to think of others; not to be afraid, repressed, or self-conscious, but sympathetically alert to the problems of others and quick to help to meet them—earnest desire such as this will be expressed with the graciousness of love.

As we turn to Jesus' life and words for examples, we see what tact he used in illustrating his teaching by parables on subjects with which his particular audience was especially familiar. . . .

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy states (pp. 476, 477): "Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick." With such a view of man, one could not be other than loving, gracious, and considerate. And with these qualities in consciousness, one's tender wisdom, thoughtful consideration, and intelligent helpfulness will be inspired by true Christliness.
—*The Christian Science Monitor.*

Worry! Worry! It's a Weighty Problem



Jack Spratt could eat no fat—and neither can Silvio Coucci, left, noted jockey, who returned to New York from Italy only to find himself 16 pounds overweight. Now he must reduce to get a job. But Joseph Froeberg of Brockton, Mass., right, can eat what he likes—and plenty of it. He must gain seven pounds in two weeks to meet U. S. air corps physical requirements for admittance. When examined Joseph weighed only 121 pounds. He told officials at Mitchell field, Long Island, that his Christmas dinner alone weighed seven pounds.

Boy in Gold Rush Now 100 Years Old

Feels Fine but Spends Lot Of Time Lying Down.

ST. LOUIS.—James M. Shuey has safely passed the century mark in age, but says he can't remember worrying about anything since he and his father ran out of grub during the gold rush of '49.

"I'm never sick, feel fine, never felt better," he said. Not so strong as he was 90 years ago, however, he spends a good deal of his time lying down. In '49, he says, his family moved West with other gold-seekers.

"Dad took a fool notion to get rich and we pulled up stakes and started to California in a covered wagon," he said. "That was some trip. We got as far as Salt Lake City and dad started digging.

"The ground was hard and the gold was deep and we got only a goose quill full. Dad sold it for food and we started back East.

"Yep, it was an interesting trip, all right," he recalled. "All across the plains we'd run into Indians. They'd ride their ponies along even with the wagon train, but they kept a good distance away. They'd hear the music sometimes at night and creep up to the campfires and just sit there out of the light. They were good Indians and never gave us any trouble."

Shuey says he married only once, to "a girl off Fiddle Creek name of Reid. She was 15 when we married, a fine girl."

He moved to St. Louis 35 years ago and went to work for the railroads. He carried mail and worked as a section hand, but says he doesn't remember as much about that as he does about the family's migration to the West and back again.

Three of Shuey's 13 children are still living. He has 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Homemade Auto Ordered Off the Street by Police

BERKELEY, CALIF.—Berkeley's strangest and most original "automobile" rests idly in its garage while its 14-year-old designer, builder and owner, Bruce Elliott, broods over his first encounter with a traffic officer.

Chugging merrily along, Bruce found himself hailed to the curb by Officer C. O. Cornett.

Officer Cornett inspected the vehicle. Homemade, at a cost of $30, it consisted of a frame, four coaster wheels, a plank for a driver's seat and a ½-horsepower gasoline engine from an old washing machine.

Pondering on how to classify the machine, the officer addressed himself to the young mechanic.

"Well," he said, "you have no front lights, no tail lights, no driver's permit, no license and no brakes. I ought to give you a ticket. By the way, how do you stop quickly, without any brakes?"

"I put my foot out," answered Bruce.

Officer Cornett instructed Bruce to drive on home and not drive until he had a permit.

NO TRAFFIC DEATHS!

Hoboken, New Jersey, with a population of 59,300, is a city of careful motorists and pedestrians.

During the first ten months of 1939 Hoboken did not have a single death from traffic injuries.

ORDINANCE NO. 94

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK AMENDING SECTION ONE (1) OF ORDINANCE NO. 75.

The Council of the City of Menlo Park do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 75 entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Menlo Park amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 38" is hereby amended by amending Section One (1) thereof and changing the place of meetings of the City Council, as follows:—

"All official meetings of the Council of the City of Menlo Park shall be held at the City Hall, located at No. 1098, El Camino Real, Menlo Park, California."

SECTION 2. This is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the facts constituting its urgency are hereby declared to be as follows: that the enactment of this ordinance forthwith is necessary for the financial welfare of the City, in this that any delay in the passage and effectiveness of this ordinance would cause the City financial loss in holding over a term of occupancy of the present City Hall premises; wherefore, this ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be published once in the "Menlo Park Recorder" a weekly newspaper printed, published and circulated in the City of Menlo Park.

Introduced: December 12, 1939.

Passed and adopted as an ordinance of the City of Menlo Park at a regular meeting held by the City Council on the 26th day of December, 1939, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen: Beeton, Carroll, Cooper, Lusk and May.

Noes: Councilmen: None.

Absent: Councilmen: None.

JAMES E. COOPER,
Mayor of said City.

(SEAL)

ATTEST: F. I. KURTZ,
City Clerk.

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Notice of Intention to Engage in the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages.

December 28, 1939

TO Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

1189 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. (Transfer from 525 Santa Cruz avenue, Menlo Park.)

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance of an alcoholic beverage license for these premises as follows:

ON SALE BEER.

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license may file a verified protest with the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, California, stating grounds for denial as provided by law. These premisses are not now licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

E. S. ISHIZAKI.

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